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**ASSEMBLY, Nos. 677 and 3562**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits State Board of Education from requiring completion of performance-based assessment as condition of eligibility for certificate of eligibility with advanced standing or certificate of eligibility.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Education Committee.

1 AN ACT concerning performance-based assessments for teacher  
2 candidates and supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the  
3 New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the  
9 contrary, the State Board of Education shall not require a candidate  
10 for a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing or a certificate  
11 of eligibility to complete a Commissioner of Education approved  
12 performance-based assessment, including, but not limited to, the  
13 edTPA, as a condition of eligibility for a certificate of eligibility  
14 with advanced standing or a certificate of eligibility. An educator  
15 preparation program may require candidates to complete a  
16 performance-based assessment approved by the educator  
17 preparation program. The performance-based assessment approved  
18 by the educator preparation program shall meet requirements set by  
19 the commissioner approved professional education accreditation  
20 body of the educator preparation program.

21 b. A certificate of eligibility with advanced standing educator  
22 preparation program, or a certificate of eligibility educator  
23 preparation program, shall not consider whether a candidate has  
24 completed a Commissioner of Education approved performance-  
25 based assessment when making a determination as to whether to  
26 recommend a candidate for certificate of eligibility with advanced  
27 standing certification or certificate of eligibility certification to the  
28 Commissioner of Education.

29 c. As used in this section:

30 “Certificate of eligibility” means an instructional certificate with  
31 lifetime validity issued by the State Board of Examiners to  
32 candidates who meet degree, academic, and applicable test  
33 requirements for teacher certification.

34 “Certificate of eligibility with advanced standing” means an  
35 instructional certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State  
36 Board of Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and  
37 test requirements for teacher certification and complete an educator  
38 preparation program.

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.